

**Assembly Bill No. 175**

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Passed the Assembly    August 31, 2000

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate    August 30, 2000

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to amend Section 15364.4 of the Government Code, relating to foreign trade.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 175, Robert Pacheco. Overseas trade offices: directors.

Existing law provides for the establishment of overseas trade offices by the state. Overseas trade offices are administered by directors whose salaries are set by the Secretary of Trade and Commerce.

This bill would require the Trade and Commerce Agency to establish rules to provide for reimbursement of reasonable relocation expenses, as defined, incurred by an overseas trade office director in connection with a change of residence from an overseas office location to this state after his or her assignment has terminated.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 15364.4 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15364.4. (a) Each office of the commission, including any overseas trade office, shall be in the charge of an office director who shall be appointed, upon the recommendation of the director of the commission, by the Governor, unless otherwise specified. The office directors shall hold office at the pleasure of the secretary and shall receive a salary as fixed by the secretary with the approval of the Department of Personnel Administration.

(b) The Trade and Commerce Agency shall establish rules to provide for reimbursement of reasonable relocation expenses of a director of an overseas trade office in connection with a change of residence from an overseas office location to this state after his or her assignment has terminated. The rules shall contain



provisions including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Reasonable relocation expenses shall be the lesser of the following:

(A) The allowances provided by subdivision (a) of Section 19841.

(B) The relocation expenses reimbursed to the prior director of the same overseas office at the time of the appointment of the director currently seeking reimbursement, adjusted for inflation, as determined by the agency rules.

(2) Reasonable relocation expenses shall not include costs associated with the sale of a residence or the settlement of an unexpired lease.

(3) Relocation expenses shall not be reimbursable when an overseas office director's assignment has terminated less than two years after his or her appointment unless the termination is due to a change in administration.

(4) Relocation expenses shall not be reimbursable when a director has been terminated for cause.

(c) All employees of the California State World Trade Commission, as created in the Governor's office by Chapter 1387 of the Statutes of 1986, who, on the operative date of this section, are serving on the commission staff, other than as temporary employees, shall be transferred to the California State World Trade Commission established in the Trade and Commerce Agency. In accordance with Section 19050.9, the status, positions, and rights of these persons shall not be affected by the transfer, and, except as to positions exempt from civil service, they shall be subject to state civil service.

(d) The State Personnel Board shall authorize temporary appointment authority under Section 5 of Article VII of the California Constitution and Section 19059, and shall conduct examinations necessary to accomplish the prompt filling of employee positions in the California World Trade Commission. All persons employed by the California World Trade Commission on January 1, 1993, or current employees of the Trade and

Commerce Agency in positions targeted to be converted to civil service may participate in departmental promotional examinations for the California World Trade Commission for a period of two years following the enactment of this legislation.



Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2000

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*Governor*

